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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The references now cited are the following:

Patent No.	Date	Name
683,309	09/24/1909	J.B. Lowry
1,909,018	05/16/33	W.A. Sengpiel
2,321,385	06/08/43	W.F. Herold
2,956,619	10/18/60	G.J. Scherer
3,252,734	05/24/66	Berlin
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6,120,096	09/19/00	Miotto
6,161,897	12/00	Kurtz et al.
6,250,715 B1	06/26/01	Caruso et al.

In addition to the patent references cited above, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner U.S. Application No. 09/858,219 by Van De Reit et al. (filed May 15, 2001), all references cited therein, and all other contents thereof.

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/858,219, filed May 15, 2001, and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior Application No. 09/858,219 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)
	U.S. Application No. 09/858,219 by Van De Reit et al., filed May 15, 2001

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